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TAGS:OVIP (HABIB, PHILIP)

SUBJECT: JUNE 20 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 20:

1. BRITAIN MAY ASK U.S. TO BE PROTECTIVE POWER IN ETHIOPIA.

CHARGE TIENKEN WOULD PREFER TO LET THE HONOR GO TO THE
WEST GERMANS IF THE EPMG REALLY DOES OUST THE BRITISH.
(ADDIS ABABA 3823, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. BEGIN ON HIS NEW GOVERNMENT.

HE TOLD AMBASSADOR LEWIS HE HAS NOT GIVEN UP HOPE THAT THE
DMC MAY YET JOIN IT, AND IS HOLDING OPEN THE DEPUTY
PREMIERSHIP IN CASE IT DOES. HE REITERATED THAT "NOTHING
IS NON-NEGOTIABLE" IN A MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE, BUT
SAID THE PARTIES INVOLVED SHOULD KEEP PUBLIC SILENCE ABOUT
PROPOSALS. (TEL AVIV 4436, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

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3. IRISH ELECTIONS: WHY SUCH A SHIFT?

THE EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT LYNCH'S PARTY CAUGHT THE
COALITION BY SURPRISE WITH IRELAND'S FIRST, BUT NOT LAST,

AMERICAN-STYLE CAMPAIGN: RAZZLE-DAZZLE, POPULAR

CANDIDATES AND THE STRICT AVOIDANCE OF SUCH COMPLICATED
ISSUES AS NORTHERN IRELAND. (DUBLIN 1407, LIMITED
OFFICE USE)

4. SANTA MARIA AIRCRAFT INCIDENT.

EMBASSY BOGOTA IS ALARMED AT FORMER AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ'
PLAN TO COME TO BOGOTA ON BEHALF OF JET AVIA TO
SECURE RELEASE OF THE AMERICANS ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING
NARCOTICS IN THAT CRASH: PRESIDENT LOPEZ STILL CANNOT
STAND HIM, HIS UNOFFICIAL STATUS WOULD CAUSE AMBIGUITY
AND INFLAME AN ALREADY HIGHLY-CHARGED POLITICAL SITUATION,
AND HIS INTERVENTION WOULD FURTHER CONVINCE THE
COLOMBIANS THAT THE "U.S. MAFIA" IS BULLYING THE GOC.
(BOGOTA 5684, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

5. ISRAEL: HISTRADRUT ELECTIONS.

EMBASSY TEL AVIV EXPECTS LABOR TO RETAIN CONTROL OF THE
GIANT LABOR ORGANIZATION, BUT THE CAMPAIGN MAY ADD TO
IDEOLOGICAL POLARIZATION IN ISRAEL. (TEL AVIV 4450,
CONFIDENTIAL)

6. RHODESIAN RAIDS.

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UN BECAUSE OF CONFUSION ABOUT THE RAIDS' REAL TARGET
AND HESITANCY ABOUT ACTING WITHOUT TANZANIAN ADVICE,
BUT REACHED A DECISION AFTER RAIDS NEAR THE COUNTRY'S
NARROW WAIST RAISED FEARS THAT RHODESIA MIGHT BE TRYING
TO CUT IT IN TWO. (MAPUTO 805, CONFIDENTIAL)

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